

FISCAL NOTE

SB 53

January 21, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class D felony offense of renting a dwelling or a place of public lodging with the intent to manufacture controlled substance in such dwelling without the knowledge or consent of the owner. The offender's assets would be subject to forfeiture and proceeds used to reimburse the owner for cleaning and lost revenue. The fine for the offense would be increased from up to \$5,000 to up to \$50,000.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$105,700/Incarceration*
Increase State Revenues – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- 10 new Class D felony convictions where this violation would be the most serious methamphetamine offense charged and convicted;
- Of the 1,200 methamphetamine labs seized in Tennessee from October, 2003 to August, 2004, a substantial number of labs were located in rental property and in public lodging;
- Higher fines imposed would result in an increase in state revenues collected.

*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: *For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director